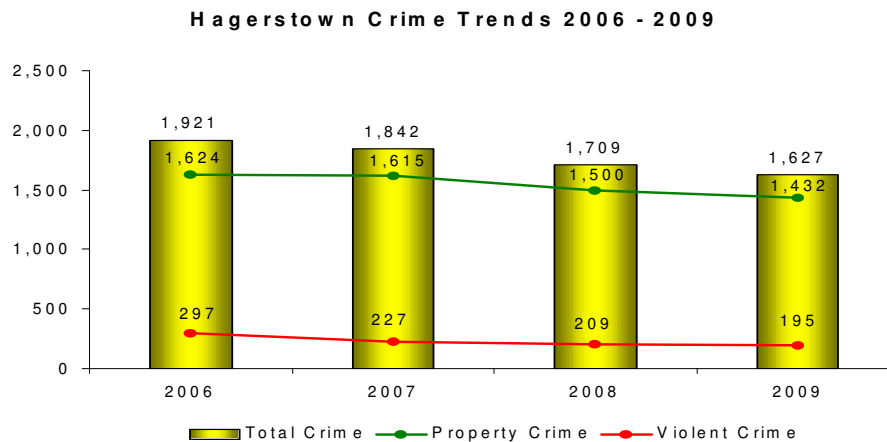


Hagerstown

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Hagerstown has seen an 15.3 % reduction in total crime, a 34.3% reduction in violent crime, and an 11.3% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-37.6%), aggravated assaults (-29.8%), breaking and entering (-21.1%), and motor vehicle thefts (-20.1%) as well as a reduction in larceny thefts (-8.4%) over the same 3 year period.



HAGERSTOWN MAKES AN IMPACT:

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided \$1,312,637 in grant funding to Hagerstown from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime. As a result, Hagerstown has:

- Recovered or seized 312 guns
- Made 146 gun arrests
- Prosecuted 103 gun cases
- Arrested 46 gang members
- Conducted 1,396 sex offender compliance verifications
- Entered 1,540 protective orders into state databases, alerting police statewide
- Prosecuted 99 drug cases

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Hagerstown's success.

- **CompStat** - After participating in Governor O' Malley's CompStat-On-Demand program, the Hagerstown Police Department implemented its own version of CompStat to pursue data-driven policing strategies. By targeting burglary, robberies, thefts from motor vehicles, gang activity, and repeat calls for service locations, resources were strategically deployed to deter future occurrences and to identify potential suspects. The Hagerstown Police Department is working to further enhance and expand intelligence-led law enforcement initiatives.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Crime lab technology
- Custodial Interview Equipment Technology
- Gang Task Force
- Mobile Data Equipment
- E-Citation
- Gun Violence Reduction
- CSAFE
- Pawn Shop Checks

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- **CSAFE** - Hagerstown has one of the state's most successful CSAFE teams. CSAFE provides the police department opportunities to collaborate with the Division of Parole and Probation, the Department of Juvenile Services, and the community. The addition of a community police officer, a nuisance abatement attorney, a crime analyst, and the strategic targeting of violent offenders contributed to a 12% reduction in violent crime from 2007 to 2008, and an anticipated 7% reduction in violent crime from 2008 to 2009 in the CSAFE area. The CSAFE team is also working with the United States Attorney's Office to prosecute locally arrested defendants, especially gang members in federal court where penalties are more severe.
- The Hagerstown Police Department worked in partnership with the Washington County Sheriff's Office to:
 - Develop a new Central Booking Facility that opened May 1, 2010.
 - Complete a county-wide radio system that will allow all law enforcement and public safety agencies to seamlessly communicate with each other to enhance police response time and improve public safety.
 - Open a consolidated 911 center for which all law enforcement and public safety agencies can be dispatched.
 - Merge CAD/RMS systems to permit timely exchange of crime data to support CompStat, crime analysis, crime mapping, and other intelligence led policing strategies.
 - Enter into other joint ventures including the Western Maryland Police Academy, the Western Maryland crime lab, a county-wide SWAT team, a county gang task force, and a county narcotics task force.

"The Hagerstown Police Department remains dedicated to using Evidence-Based and collaborative approaches to impact public safety. Hagerstown has seen reductions in crime which would not have been possible without the support offered from Governor O'Malley."

Chief Art Smith
Hagerstown Police
Department

